MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Probably there was nothing special to report on it.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is the private agency system now continued?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No. I believe not.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether any commission was paid to the individual last time?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKER (*Shertalla II*): What is meant by commission agency system?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A private individual agrees to conduct the sale of manures and he is given a commission.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): To whom is the amount disbursed? What is the rate of commission?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): At present I have no information about the rate.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): May I know if he is the agent of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He is not the agent of Government, but he sells on agency system.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): May I know whose agent he is?

PRESIDENT: His own. He said he is not the agent of Government.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertalla II*): Then may I know what was the necessity of paying a commission to a man who is himself an agent?

PRESIDENT: It is an inducement for taking up the agency.

Storing of metal by the P. W. D. on the sides of roads.

427 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the Chief Engineer has received any representation that much inconvenience is caused and accidents are likely to occur and in some cases have occurred to vehicles, owing to the storing of metal and materials by the P. W. D. Officers or their contractors on the sides of narrow roads; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken on the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The material stocks stacked on the road side in contravention to the general orders in the department are invariably arranged to be removed to more convenient places immediately on such stacking being brought to notice and the officers responsible for slackness in carrying out the standing orders are taken to task.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that the P. W. D. Section Officer in Nedumangad is in the habit of storing of metal and materials by the side of narrow roads ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I accept the information from the honourable member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer or the Government are aware that the P. W. D. Section Officer has been doing such work and that it must be stopped ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I thank the member also for that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government what action the Government or the Chief Engineer has taken in such matters ?

PRESIDENT : The answer is already there.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Section officer, Nedumangad, has been taken to task for storing metals by roadside ?

PRESIDENT : The officer responsible for stocking metal will be taken to task.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Section officer, Nedumangad, is responsible for stocking metals on the sides of narrow roads and whether he has been taken to task ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : If information has been communicated to the Chief Engineer, the Section officer has been taken to task.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that the honourable member for Neduumangad has communicated the information to the Chief Engineer in a letter addressed to him ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The honourable member's letter has been forwarded to the Division officer for necessary action.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the honourable member for Nedumangad wrote to the Chief Engineer to go to the spot and witness bimself the stocking of metal on the sides of roads ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : That is so. But the Chief Engineer has a lot of other work to do.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer will condescend to go and inspect this spot ?

PRESIDENT : No condescension. The Chief Engineer said he would do so, if he has time.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : With reference to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know, Sir, the nature of the general orders regarding the stocking of road metal and materials ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The general orders are that road metal and materials are not to be stocked to the impediment of wheeled traffic. But sometimes it is not possible to carry out that order altogether. If on my inspections they are found to be stocked on road sides to the impediment of traffic, orders are issued to the effect that they shall be removed and put in some other place. If violations of the standing orders are brought to my notice, the officers responsible are invariably taken to task.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the orders of the Chief Engineer mention anything about the minimum width of the road on the sides of which metal could be stocked?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No. Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether, if the contractors are given necessary instructions not to stock road metal and materials on the side of narrow roads, it may not hinder traffic on that road?

MR. G. B. B. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It all depends on the intencity of traffic on the road in question whether a road can be considered so narrow as to render stacking of metal inadvisable.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware that, on the sides of the Trivandrum-Nagercoil Main Central Road, metal has been stocked on the sides of roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether that causes inconvenience to the traffic?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, Sir.

Grant-in-aid Vaidyasala in Kallooppara pakuthi.

428. ****MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR** (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any grant-in-aid *vaidyasala* in Kallooppara *pakuthi*;

(*b*) whether there was one grant-in-aid *vaidyasala* at Keezhuvaipur in Kallooppara *pakuthi*;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the year in which that *vaidyasala* was started, when it was first given grant-in-aid, when the grant-in-aid was stopped and why it was stopped; and

(*d*) whether there is a recognised *vaidyasala* at Keezhuvaipur?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; a *Visha vaidyasala* at Mallappalli.

(*b*) Yes; there was one.

(*c*) 1073. It was stopped in 1096 with the death of Mr. Kumara Pillai, the *vaidyan* concerned.

(*d*) Yes.

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